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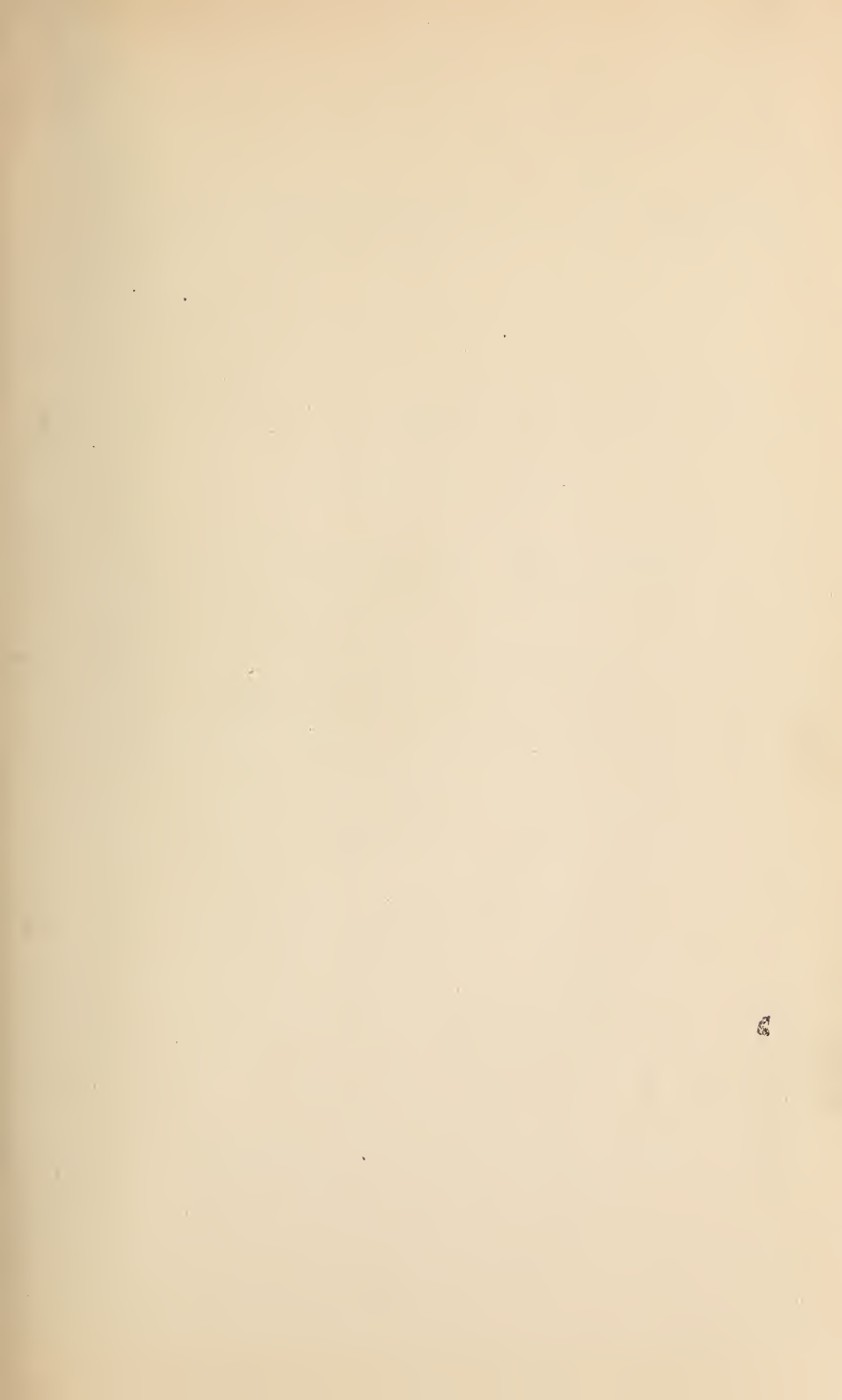


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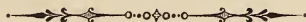
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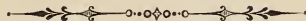
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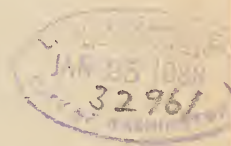
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INTRODUCTION.

THE game is calculated to excite the curiosity of one, while exercising the mind of the other, and to offer thereby a most agreeable recreation.

It consists of a series of seven chapters, headed by fancy denominations. Each chapter contains 118 numbers, up to 6,350, to which are affixed as many choice and recreative mottoes, sentences, etc.

To play the game, one offers the pamphlet to another, with the invitation to select a number or motto from any of the chapters, and then acquaint the first party with the headings of all the chapters containing the same number or motto. The person thus informed will, through a simple and easy mental calculation and combination, find which is the selected number or motto.

The game is so construed that the guessing party is enabled to foretell whether the consulting party has made any mistake in giving the headings of the chapters expected to contain the selected number or motto, simply by being authorized to peruse the pamphlet. Moreso the guesser will say in how many chapters the number or motto is to be found, on being simply informed of the last figure of the number to be sought for.

In fact this game is not only entirely new and most surprising, as well as interesting, but its key is not to be detected by the most apt and patient investigator.

See key at the end of the pamphlet, which is to be carefully studied and torn out.

Convinced of the agreeable pastime offered by a game composed for pastime-sake, in moments of sadness, I give it by best wishes of

BON VOYAGE ET PROMPT SUCCÈS.

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Wisdom, but folly ; joy, disquiet, sadness ;
Friendship is treason, delight are snares ;
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FAITH.

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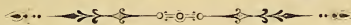


—TO THE—

PARLOR'S * PUZZLE,

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LOVERS' GAME.



NOTICE.—It is by inadvertence that it is said in the Introduction that each chapter contains 118 numbers and mottoes. There are 118 numbers and mottoes in the whole game, but spread about in the seven chapters by a peculiar system of progression. Each chapter contains 62 numbers and mottoes.

The heading of each of the chapters represent a special number, which is to be learnt by heart; viz :

Love, 1; Faith, 2; Courage, 4; Perseverance, 8; Moderation, 16; Dignity, 32; Felicity, 64.

Therefore when a heading is given, the guesser understands it to be the number corresponding to it, as above.

To find a chosen number or motto, sum up the numbers assimilated to the headings given you. Take half of the sum, place to the end of this half (should it be an entire number, that is to say, having no fraction) the figure representing 3 plus the number of chapters containing the chosen motto, and you have, thereby, the number prefixed to the sought-for sentence.

EXAMPLE:—Eliza has chosen a motto, which is to be found only in *Faith*, which represents 2, and in *Dignity*, which corresponds to 32, I sum up these numbers and obtain 34, I take half, which is 17, I place to the end of this 17 the figure representing 3 plus the number of chapters given me, 2 of them, Faith and Dignity, which makes 5, and through this combination I have the number 175, which is the one prefixed to the chosen motto.

Should the half prove to be a fractionary number, that is to say, having a fraction, substitute to the fraction the decimal half, or figure 5, in other words, insert the figure 5 in the place of the fraction at the end of the entire number, and continue as in the first case.

EXAMPLE :—Louisa has chosen a motto to be found solely in

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“ Faith, “ “	2
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I take the half, which is $21\frac{1}{2}$

In the place of the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$, and at the end of 21,

I place the figure 5, making, up to now..... 215

Continuing, as in the first case, I place at the end of this 215 the figure representing 3 plus the number of chapters given me (four of them) which makes 7, and I obtain the number. . . . 2,157 to which is affixed the chosen and sought-for motto.

To foretell whether the consulting party has made any mistake in giving the headings, let the guesser peruse the chapters, and if the number resulting from his calculation and combination (which is expected to be correct) is not to be found in all the given chapters, or, again, is found not only in them, but also in some of the others, there is surely a mistake made in the selection of the chapters.

To tell in how many chapters the motto is to be found, let the selector inform you of the last figure of the number prefixed to the motto; from that figure deduct 3, and the balance indicates in how many chapters the number and its motto is inscribed.

Apparently complicated, the Key is, nevertheless simple, and easily mastered by a little practice, while remaining undetectable by anyone not having a *full* knowledge of it.

FELICITY.

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335. He who fears to suffer, suffers from fear.
 345. He that would long be an old man must begin betimes.
 356. He is not a wise man who can not play the fool on occasion.
 365. He pays dear for honey who licks it off thorns.
 376. He gains much who loses a vain hope.
 386. One ounce of discretion is better than a pound of knowledge.
 397. Look with suspicion on the flight of an enemy.
 405. To change and to better are two different things.
 416. Everybody knows good counsel except him that has need of it.
 426. He laughs at scars who never felt a wound.
 437. One sword keeps another in the sheath.
 446. Everybody must wear out one pair of fool's shoes at least.
 457. Misfortunes are more supportable than the comments of friends upon them.
 467. A single fact is worth a ship load of argument.
 478. Wit is folly, unless a wise man hath the keeping of it.
 485. To despise the riches of others, is not the same as to despise riches.
 496. The next thing to having wisdom, is to profit by that of others.
 506. Promises make debt, and debt makes promises.
 517. No one is a fool always ; everyone sometimes.
 526. Every man's tale is good, till another's be told.
 537. He that does you wrong will never forgive you.
 547. If an ass goes traveling, he will not come home a horse.
 558. Oh ! where is bliss to be found ?
 566. Courtesy is cumbersome to them that ken it not.
 577. The worth of a thing is best kend by the want of it.
 587. It is a degrading thing to be a tool, in other words, to have another man to think for you.
 598. The liar laugheth in sorrow, he weepeth in joy.
 618. From the cradle to the grave life is but one unbroken chain of struggles.
 628. Hate evil, but love and shun evil doers.

639. When, as the dove, shall I have my nest and mate.
- 3,255. Without thy love to me wealth is bags of cares ;
 Wisdom, but folly ; joy, disquiet, sadness ;
 Friendship is treason, delight are snares ;
 Pleasures, pains, and mirth pleasing madness.
- 3,356. Have the courage to acknowledge your ignorance, rather
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- 3,456. Trust no lovely forms of passions ; fiends may look like
 angels bright.
- 3,557. Virtuous and vicious every heart must be
 Few in the extreme, but all in a degree.
- 3,656. A fool is better acquainted with his own business than a
 wise man with busines of others.
- 3,757. A fathom is six feet.
- 3,857. A palm is three inches.
- 3,958. The average human life is 31 years.
- 4,056. A hurricane moves 80 miles per hour.
- 4,157. A rifle ball moves 1,000 miles per hour.
- 4,257. A moderate wind blows seven miles per hour.
- 4,358. Sound moves 743 miles per hour.
- 4,457. A storm blows 36 miles per hour.
- 4,558. Electricity moves 288,000 miles per hour.
- 4,658. Always take things by the smooth handle.
- 4,759. Do people know what amount of heart nourishing elements
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